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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: David Elliot WHITTEN
Serial No.: 09/456,869
Filed: December 8, 1999
For: DEVICE FOR SEIZING OF FLAT MATERIAL
ON A TRANSPORTING SURFACE
Art Unit: 3721
Examiner: Eugen Lee KIM

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

February 24, 2003

COMMUNICATION

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated January 29, 2003 received in the above-identified application it is respectfully assumed that dependent claim 21 is also allowed. The Notice of Allowability allowed claims 1-13 and 15-20 but did not mention dependent claim 21 which should also have been allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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